MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

Pakuthi staff in the Trivandrum Revenue Division.

226. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are, in the *pakuthi* staff of the Trivandrum Revenue Division, persons with public examination qualification in English who have also passed the Revenue and Account Tests ;

(*b*) if so, their names and service and

(*c*) whether their preferential claims for promotion have been considered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

		Service.	
		Years.	*Months.*
(*b*) 1. V. Velayudhan Pillai (Accountant, Neyyattinkara Taluk)	...	11	8
2. V. Titus, (Kandukrishi Accountant)	...	3	3

(*c*) Their claims will be considered when suitable vacancies occur.

Import of tobacco.

227. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement containing the following information :

(i) the quantity of tobacco imported into Travancore from Jaffna, Coimbatore and Tinnevelly during the last six years ;

(ii) the total quantity of snuff, cigars, cigarettes, beedies, and other kinds of tobacco of Indian manufacture, imported during these years and

(iii) the estimated amount of money sent out of the State on account of the purchase of these commodities in each of these years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know, Sir, whether Government have investigated the possibility of cultivation of tobacco in Travancore and whether there is any place suitable for cultivation of tobacco in any part of Travancore ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Some time back the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries had been asked to conduct an experimental cultivation of tobacco on a small scale. Nothing further has been done in the matter.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether there is any proposal on the part of Government to enhance the duty on tobacco at least temporarily ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : There is no definite idea just now.

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* *Vide* Appendix

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